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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as shown in the attached sheets.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims, which beings on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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An **Appendix A** including new and replacement drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix B** including a partial translation of DE29921025 to Schollmayer is attached following **Appendix B**.